## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

## SPECIAL ORDER NO. 28.1

This Order applies only to admiralty cases assigned to Judge Beeks.

Unless Judge Beeks specifically directs otherwise, the practice of holding periodic status conferences is abolished. Hereafter, cases will be assigned for pretrial conference and trial only after a pretrial order has been lodged. The pretrial order, however, shall not be lodged unless counsel certify in writing that:

- all discovery is complete;
- counsel have satisfied all of the requirements of Local Rule CR 16; and
- counsel have met and in good faith discussed settlement but that settlement is unlikely.

The form of the pretrial order must strictly conform to local Rule CR 16(n).

A written request for a pretrial conference and trial setting shall accompany the lodging of the pretrial order. In the request counsel shall supply the Court with three dates when they will be available for a pretrial conference, which shall not be later than 45 days nor sooner than 15 days from the date on which the pretrial order is lodged. Pretrial conferences will be held on Thursdays starting at 8:30 A.M. Thereafter, the Court will set a pretrial conference at which a trial date will be set.

This order becomes effective on Monday, July 3, 1978.

It is not applicable to cases in which the Court has previously

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fixed a pretrial or trial date. All status conferences now set for dates subsequent to July 3, 1978 are stricken. DATED this 1975 day of April, 1978. 1₽ 

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